

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) announced that Niagara County's Head Start program will receive more than \$2.6 million to provide early education and day care services for 3 and 4-year-olds in Niagara County.

"Every child should step into Kindergarten ready to learn and Head Start helps children get the early advantage they need to be successful as soon as school begins," said Slaughter. "With this grant of \$2.6 million, hundreds of Niagara County's preschoolers will have the resources they need to step into the classroom ready to learn."

The announcement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services directs \$2,683,076 to Niagara County's Head Start's 5 locations.

"This grant allows Niagara County Head Start, Inc. to continue serving 470 3 and 4-year-old students and their families at five locations in Niagara County," said Shawn Licht, Executive Director of Niagara County Head Start.

The Head Start program provides grants to local public and private non-profit and for-profit agencies to provide comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families. They keep a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school.

Niagara County Head Start is a non-profit agency that administers a Federal Grant for the purpose of providing Head Start programming for needy children in Niagara County New York.

Head Start is currently accepting applications for students in all 5 Niagara County centers. For more information or to apply call Gail Warren at 716-285-1974.